

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmittal herewith for filing is a:

- ☒ New Patent Application  
☐ Continuation Application of Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Filed: \_\_\_\_\_. A Rule \_\_\_\_ filing.

INVENTOR: Benny E. Boatwright and Kelly Huddleston  
FOR: STITCHLESS ON-SITE BINDING APPLICATION METHOD AND DEVICE

Enclosed are:

- ☒ 2 sheets of drawing(s): ☐ Formal ☒ Informal  
☐ An Assignment of the invention to \_\_\_\_\_, the original to be returned to the undersigned attorneys.  
☐ A certified copy of a \_\_\_\_\_. The right to priority is claimed pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 119.  
☐ Declaration and Power of Attorney.  
☒ A Statement Claiming Small Entity Status.  
☐ Preliminary Amendment.  
☐ Substitute Specification.

FEES:

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FOR:	NO. FILED	NO. EXTRA
BASIC FEE		
TOTAL CLAIMS	6 -20	0
INDEP. CLAIMS	3 -3	0
<input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT		

SMALL ENTITY

RATE	FEE
x	\$75.00
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LARGE ENTITY

RATE	FEE
x	\$
x	

ASSIGNMENT FEE:

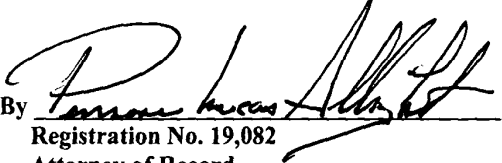
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TOTAL FILING FEE:

\$ 375.00

- ☐ Filing Fee to be calculated on the basis of the Preliminary Amendment submitted herewith.  
☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 13-2000 in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.  
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APPLICATION BRANCH

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**ASSERTION OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS**


To the Commissioner of  
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Sir:

A small entity status is entitled to be asserted for the above-identified Application as defined in 37 CFR §1.27.

Respectfully submitted,

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